

*Dear Section of Researchers' member,*

*Our congratulations to Dr. France Légaré, University of Laval professor of Family Medicine, who has received a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair position. We are most proud of Dr. Légaré and we are certain she will continue adding many "gems" to the collective research work of Family Medicine in 2007 and for many years to come! Read more about the Canada Chairs Program and Dr. Légaré in the Research News section of the January 2007 Kaléidoscope!*

### **Research News**

**The Canada Research Chairs Program** stands at the centre of a national strategy to make Canada one of the world's top five countries for research and development. In 2000, the government of Canada created a new permanent program to establish 2000 research professorships—Canada Research Chairs—in universities across the country by 2008. The **Canada Research Chairs Program** invests \$300 million a year to attract and retain some of the world's most accomplished and promising minds. Chairholders advance the frontiers of knowledge in their fields, not only through their own work, but also by teaching and supervising students and coordinating the work of other researchers. Tier 2 Chairs, tenable for five years and renewable once, are for exceptional emerging researchers, acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field. For each Tier 2 Chair, the university receives \$100,000 annually for five years. **Dr. France Légaré** joins the ranks of only a few members of the CFPC who have attained this position within Canada's research community. **Dr. Légaré's research** involves identifying the needs of primary healthcare professionals in order to develop strategies facilitating active participation of patients and shared decision making. Assessing the impact of shared decision making on healthcare professionals and their patients. To read more about her research click here **[Dr. Légaré's work](#)** .



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### **Website Info to-go!**

**Networks Digest produced by the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF)** features a summary of a useful networks-related article, book, or web site every two weeks. It is part of the **[knowledge brokering at CHSRF](#)** . Knowledge brokering links decision makers and researchers, facilitating their interaction so that they are able to better understand

each other's goals and professional cultures, influence each other's work, forge new partnerships, and promote the use of research-based evidence in decision-making. Knowledge brokering activities include finding the right players to influence research use in decision-making, bringing these players together, creating and helping to sustain relationships among them, and helping them to engage in collaborative problem-solving.

## **Conference Opportunities**

**Family Medicine Forum (FMF) – October 11-13, 2007 in beautiful Winnipeg, Manitoba. Call for Presentations Submission DEADLINE for is January 22nd 2007.** Please note that the Call for Papers & Posters deadline is coming soon!! Call for **RESEARCH DAY** Papers and Posters - Deadline: March 15, 2007

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**Call for Papers for the 2007 NAPCRG Annual Meeting, October 20-23 in Vancouver, British Columbia, is now posted on the NAPCRG Web site at**

<http://www.napcrg.org/napcrgpresenter/submission/>. All submissions for NAPCRG 2007 must be received using our convenient and secure online system. The deadline for submissions is April 17, 2007.

## **Research Funding Opportunities**

**Janus Research Grants:** The value of each Janus Research Grant will be up to \$5,000. Recipients are required to provide a final report in the form of a written manuscript, a journal article, or a conference abstract with accompanying poster/slides. The number and value of grants awarded each year will be determined by the funds available. Eligibility: To be eligible for a 2007 Janus Research Grant, a project must have started between January 1st, 2006 and December 31st, 2007. Applicants should be in active practice and may be community or academic-based. Deadline - Applications must reach the CFPC National office by February 15, 2007. Selection Process - The CFPC's Section of Researchers will review the applications and identify the recipients of this award. Applicants will be notified of results in July 2007.

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**Workshop/Symposia Support In collaboration with Knowledge Translation Branch .** An important part of CIHR's mandate is to translate knowledge into improved health for Canadians. Knowledge translation (KT) is the exchange, synthesis and ethically-sound application of knowledge - within a complex system of interactions among researchers and users - to accelerate the capture of the benefits of research for Canadians through improved health, more effective services and products, and a strengthened health care system. The CIHR KT Branch will provide partial support of workshops and symposia, which either support KT research and/or contribute to building networks. For this competition, additional funds are available to encourage and support applications related to pandemic preparedness. Next round of applications must be courier stamped prior May 1 2007.

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**Team Grant: Pandemic Preparedness Research - Influenza Biology, Vaccines, Ethics, Legal and Social Research In collaboration with Public Health Agency of Canada CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health Canadian Food Inspection Agency .** The purpose of this Request for Applications is to strengthen Canadian research in preparation for a potential influenza pandemic by funding three-year team projects to conduct research on vaccines, the

biology of the influenza virus including the animal-human interface and the social, ethical and legal issues related to preventing and responding to a pandemic. It is expected that this targeted investment will identify strategies to prevent or mitigate a pandemic outbreak as well as methods and procedures to control disease spread (both human to human and from animals to humans) and to treat affected individuals. It is anticipated that the research results will also aid in the continued development of pandemic preparedness plans. Letter of Intent must be courier stamped by June 15, 2007.

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**Team Grant: Pandemic Preparedness Research - [Influenza Transmission and Prevention](#) In collaboration with CIHR/Rx&D Collaborative Research Program Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx&D) Health Research Foundation 2006 Canadian Food Inspection Agency CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health International Development Research Centre** .

The purpose of this Request for Applications is to strengthen the knowledge base and enhance research capacity in pandemic preparedness research. Three year team grants will be funded to address questions of transmission and prevention through research on modes of transmission of the influenza virus and alternative strategies for prevention. Teams which include an international component will foster knowledge exchange and mutual learning by establishing collaborations between eligible Canadian-based researchers and researchers in low or middle income countries in SE Asia or China. It is expected that this targeted investment will lead to increased knowledge, better methods and more efficient use of existing technology for responding to an influenza pandemic as well as a greater awareness of the relevance of this research by the general public in Canada, SE Asia and China. LOI must be received by February 1 2007.

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**Research Syntheses: [Knowledge Translation](#) In collaboration with [Knowledge Translation Branch](#)** .

The purpose of this Request for Applications is to further strengthen knowledge translation by funding research syntheses across CIHR's four themes: biomedical, clinical, health systems and services and the health of populations, societal and cultural dimensions of health and environmental influences on health, in order to support evidence-informed decision-making. It is expected that this targeted investment will lead to more research syntheses in selected, high priority, eligible thematic research areas related to health and health care. There are opportunities to learn from research work carried out during the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and other disease outbreaks. The Institute of Infection and Immunity (III) will provide funding for research synthesis projects that summarize this information and develop recommendations that will contribute to pandemic preparedness planning and control. Registration packages must be courier stamped by April 1, 2007.

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**Pandemic Preparedness Research Application Development Workshop:** In order to enhance the development of successful applications, a grantsmanship workshop for researchers with a serious interest in submitting applications for RFAs being launched under the pandemic initiative will be held in **Ottawa on March 1/2, 2007**. The purpose of this workshop is: \* To enable researchers who are interested in applying for this program, to meet each other and end users, exchange information and discuss areas of common interest with a view to preparing team applications for the RFA. \* To assist researchers in gaining an understanding of the application process, the expectations of the partner organizations and the key components of writing a successful grant application. It is strongly recommended that applicants attend the Application Development Workshop, however, participation in this workshop is optional. Contact Carol Richardson at [carol.richardson@schulich.uwo.ca](mailto:carol.richardson@schulich.uwo.ca) or 519-661-3228 for further information about the workshop. Please fill out the workshop application form

<http://websurveyor.net/wsb.dII/WSPersistentSurveyList> .

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**RFA Update – Inclusion of Randomized Controlled Trials in the following RFAs: Team Grant: Pandemic Preparedness - Influenza Biology, Vaccines, Ethics, Legal and Social Research** <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/32804.html> -Operating Grant: Pandemic Preparedness Research - Influenza Diagnostics, Transmission, Ethics Review and Antivirals <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/32803.html> Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs) will be considered under these programs. Applicants who are considering submitting a Randomized Controlled Trial application as all or part of a Team or Operating Grant application in response to these Request for Applications are required to consult Toni Gasparini at [tgasparini@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:tgasparini@cihr-irsc.gc.ca) or 613-941-4438 and are advised to familiarize themselves with the RCT specific guidelines and instructions, which are fully described in Randomized Control Trials at <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22388.html>

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**The 3rd YEAR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP PROGRAM-The Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network.** \$8,000 Summer Research Assistantship Opportunity for Students-Call for Applications, in both English and French. More information can be found on our Web site in the student focus area: <http://www.cllrnet.ca/index.php?fa=UGRA.show> The deadline for applications is January 29, 2007.

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Previous editions of Kaleidoscope including funding opportunities can be found at: <http://www.cfpc.ca/English/cfpc/research/kaleidoscope/default.asp?s=1>

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